

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2003

| House Meets At... | Last Vote Predicted At... |
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| 9:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Unlimited "One Minutes" | ??? |

*** THE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP HAS ANNOUNCED THAT VOTES ARE POSSIBLE ON FRIDAY LATE INTO THE EVENING.

FLOOR SCHEDULE

H.Res. ____ - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2800 - Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules Committee*)

H.Res. ____ - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2799 - Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Linder / Rules Committee*)

H.R. 2800 - Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Kolbe - Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

H.R. 2799 - Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Wolf / Appropriations Committee*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

Ross Motion to Instruct Conferees on the Child Tax Credit (Debate Only). The motion instructs conferees to insist on the Senate-passed Child Tax Credit Measure and is identical to the one that passed in the House on June 12th, 205-201. It also instructs Conferees to report out a conference report no later than the second legislative day after adoption of this motion.

BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

H.Res. ____ - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2800 - Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart / Rules Committee*). The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; waives points of order against provisions in the bill that do not comply with the prohibition against unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill except for the sections relating to: debt forgiveness through the Commodity Credit Corporation for poor countries; open bidding process for reconstruction contract in Iraq; and duties of the Millennium Challenge Commissioner; the rule also provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Under the Rule, germane amendments will be considered under the five-minute rule. However, the Rule does not provide the waivers needed to offer important Democratic amendments, including amendments to increase funding for HIV/AIDS programs.

H.Res. ____ - Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2799 - Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Linder / Rules Committee*). The Rules Committee has recommended an open rule that provides for one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule leaves in the bill two amendments adopted during the Appropriations Committee markup on July 16th (one amendment by Ranking Member Obey regarding FCC ownership rules; and another by Rep. Tiahrt regarding ATF oversight of gun dealers).

The Rule permits any amendment that does not require waivers of points of order. However, it does not provide the waivers for important Democratic amendments including: an amendment by Ranking Member Frost urging the Department of Justice to ensure that the Department’s personnel and resources not be used for political purposes; and an amendment by Ranking Member Obey to increase funding for America’s first responders by \$1 billion and offset this increase with a slight reduction in the tax breaks received by Americans earning more than \$1 million a year.



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H.R. 2800 - Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Kolbe - Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bill provides \$17.1 billion in FY04 for foreign aid and export assistance. Funding in this bill includes: \$4.49 billion for military assistance; \$1.49 billion for multilateral economic assistance (\$961 million for the World Bank; \$152 million for the Asian Development Bank); and \$11.29 billion for bilateral economic assistance (\$2.24 billion for the Economic Support Fund; \$1.31 billion for the Development Assistance Fund; \$2.24 billion for the Child Survival Fund; \$731 million for the Andean Counterdrug Initiative; and \$760 million for Migration and Refugee Assistance). The \$17.1 billion appropriated include \$2.8 billion in aid for Israel and \$1.9 billion for Egypt.

In addition, this bill provides only \$1.43 billion for global assistance to combat HIV/IDS, tuberculosis and malaria and \$800 million for the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

H.R. 2799 - Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (*Rep. Wolf - Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*). This bill appropriates \$38.6 billion for FY04. Funding in this bill includes: \$20.2 billion for the Department of Justice (\$4.64 billion for the FBI; \$2.16 billion for the DEA; \$3.49 billion for assistance to state and local law enforcement; \$4.67 billion for the Federal Prison System); \$5.26 billion for the Department of Commerce (\$3.05 billion for the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA); \$1.24 billion for the Patent and Trademark Office; \$662 million for the Census Bureau); \$5.2 billion for the Federal Judiciary; \$8.4 billion for the State Department and Related Agencies (\$1.5 billion for worldwide security improvements; \$4.1 billion for Diplomatic and Consular Programs); \$279 million for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC); \$183 million for the Federal Trade Commission; and \$746 million for the Small Business Administration.

In addition, this bill includes a provision added in committee (by the adoption of an amendment by Ranking Member Obey) that bars the FCC from increasing the share of the national market one broadcasting company can own (currently 35%). The White House has stated that the president would veto the bill if this provision is included in the final bill.

Daily Quote...

"If some of you are still confused, can you imagine what that means to us?"

- Ruth Nabbre of Atlanta, one of 300 seniors to attend a town hall meeting organized by Rep. John Lewis (D-GA) on prescription drugs (as quoted in the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*, 7/20). Ms Nabbre's comment was directed at health care experts who discussed the GOP prescription drug bill at the forum.